

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00018 061226Z

11

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

SAM-01 /068 W

----- 120410

R 061035Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2843

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0018

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINS

SUBJECT: QADHAFI EXPLAINS LIBYA'S INTELLIGENCE BUDGET TO
NATIONAL CONGRESS

1. IN AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF FRANKNESS, EVEN FOR HIM, QADHAFI EXPLAINED TO A TELEVISED SESSION OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS JANUARY 6 THAT WHAT WAS MEANT BY THE HEADING "SPECIAL EXPENSES" IN THE 1975 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET WAS THE BUDGET FOR GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. ABOUT TEN MILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN SPENT ON GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DURING 1975, HE SAID, AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TEN TIMES AS MUCH. QADHAFI CALLED ON THE HEAD OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE TO SAY WHETHER THIS SPENDING HAD BEEN PROPERLY AUDITED: "DON'T BE EMBARRASSED, DID YOU ACCOUNT FOR IT OR NOT?" THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, WAS YES. QADHAFI SAID THAT GENERALL INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS WERE ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY GET RECEIPTS FOR MONEY PAID TO THEIR AGENTS, AND HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE WORKINGS OF INTELLIGENCE TO THE CONGRESS. A LIBYAN AGENT IN ISRAEL, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT GET \$340 DOLLARS A MONTH TO PROVIDE REPORTS, AND IT WAS OFTEN TROUBLESOME

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TRIPOL 00018 061226Z

TO ASK HIM TO GIVE A RECEIPT, BUT IT HAD TO BE DONE. THE

DUTIES OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE WERE TO KEEP UP SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN LIBYA, TO INFILTRATE THEIR INTELLIGENCE NETWORKS, TO SPY ON ISRAEL, AND TO SET UP LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE NETWORKS ABROAD. EVERY COUNTRY DID THIS. MANY OF THE FOREIGNERS IN LIBYA WERE AGENTS FOR THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS, AND PROVIDED REPORTS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION, IN RETURN FOR MONEY, NATURALLY. LOOK AT THE U.S., FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH SPENT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS ON INTELLIGENCE, AND STARTED WARS ALL OVER THE WORLD. IF YOU WANT, QADHAFI TOLD THE DELEGATES, YOU CAN ABOLISH THE GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AND CARRY OUT SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND THE REST YOURSELVES, BUT REALLY WE SHOULD BE SPENDING MUCH MORE. THE BUDGET FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WAS ABOUT 3.4 MILLION DOLLARS, IN CASE ANYONE WAS INTERESTED. QADHAFI WAS REVEALING ALL THIS BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANYONE TO COME AND MAKE FUN OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE AND SAY THAT THIS MONEY WAS WASTED OR MISSPENT. IT COULD ALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR.

2. COMMENT: QADHAFI'S OUTBURST REVEALED MORE THAN THE BUDGET FOR INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS (WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE WHOLE SUM SPENT). IT DEMONSTRATES HIS FIXATION WITH INTELLIGENCE, AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, HIS CONCERN OVER CHARGES THAT LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN POURING MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN OR INTO PRIVATE POCKETS. EXILED RCC MEMBER MUHAYSHI WAS PROBABLY VERY MUCH IN HIS MIND.
CARLE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT BUDGET, INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE, INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: SmithRJ
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TRIPOL00018
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760003-0930
From: TRIPOLI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760181/aaaacuru.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUN 2004 by buchant0>; APPROVED <28 SEP 2004 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: QADHAFI EXPLAINS LIBYA'S INTELLIGENCE BUDGET TO NATIONAL CONGRESS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PINR, LY, (QADHAFI, MU'AMMAR)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006